1	2	3	4
11.	Tirunelveli	Tambrabarni	66.00
12.	Srirangam & additional areas of Trichy	Cauvery/Coleroon	132.00
13.	Madurai	Vaigai	165.00
		TOTAL	1103.10

An amount of Rs. 112.33 crore has been released to the State Government for these works till date.

Conservation and management Plans of Ooty & Kodaikanal lakes have been approved at a cost of Rs. 1.95 crore and Rs. 6.33 crore respectively. An amount of Rs. 3 crore has been released to the State Government for these plans till date.

Majuli Island as world heritage

3988. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the world heritage proposal of Majuli Island under cultural landscape category has been taken up with the Ministry of Tourism and Culture to complete the dossier preparation well in time;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating dates of joint meetings held, strategy and work schedule finalized, local co-ordinating agency entrusted, list of experts enlisted, field work done and achievement made, till date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the details of action plan finalized to fulfil the requirement of UNESCO ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (c) In response to the proposal submitted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests seeking financial help for preparation of detailed nomination dossier for Majuli Island, the World Heritage Committee has sanctioned US$ 20,000 on 14.10.2001. The copies of the same were sent by the World Heritage Centre for further action to the State Government of Assam and the Archaeological Survey of India only. Furthermore, the Majuli Island has been accepted as a "Cultural Landscape" site and not as a "Natural" site. In this background, the Ministry was awaiting action from the State

Government and the Archaeological Survey of India. The Ministry would now play a proactive role in this matter and decide future course of action after holding a joint consultation with the Archaeological Survey of India and the State Government of Assam.

Conversion of saline wasteland in Etawah and Mainpuri

3989. SHRI B.J. PANDA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the total project outlay for conversion of Saline Wasteland to Agricultural land in Etawah and Mainpuri of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the source of the projects fueling;

(c) whether it is a fact that the project, as per bird express would affect the habitat of Sarus cranes;

(d) the population of Sarus cranes and percentage of World population; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is reviewing this project in view of a threat referred to in part (a) above ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) The project for Wasteland Reclamation in Uttar Pradesh has a total financial outlay of US$ 194.1 million (Rupees 932 crores approximately). The project is being funded by the World Bank.

(c) Drainage of wetlands is bound to affect the Sarus crane population.

(d) The estimated population of Sarus cranes in Etawah and Mainpuri districts of Uttar Pradesh is between 1500 and 2000 which constitutes 20-25% of world population of Sarus cranes.

(e) On the basis of the advise of the Chief Wildlife Warden, Government of Uttar Pradesh and the Ministry of Environment & Forests, the State Government has stopped the draining of wetlands under this project.

Financial assistance for FPI

3990. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have povided any financial assistance